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SUBJECT: SOUTH KOREAN-MAURITANIA FISHERIES RELATIONS

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 2170 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT OF SOUTH KOREA DEEP SEA FISHERIES ASSOCIATION SIGNED FISHERIES AGREEMENT WITH MAURITANIA ON AUGUST 24. ACCORDING TO MAURITANIAN OFFICIAL WHO WORKS IN MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND MERCHANT MARINE, AGREEMENT WAS NOT RPT NOT BETWEEN GIRM AND SOUTH KOREAN FISHERIES ASSOCIATION, BUT RATHER BETWEEN MAURITANIA AND MOROCCO. AGREEMENT WILL PERMIT SOUTH KOREAN VESSELS TO OPERATE ON BEHALF OF MOROCCANS. IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHAT FLAG SOUTH KOREAN VESSELS WILL FLY. FISHERIES OFFICIAL STATED THAT LACK OF FORMAL RELATIONS WITH ROK PREVENTED NEGOTIATION OF ACCORD DIRECTLY BETWEEN MAURITANIA AND SOUTH KOREAN ORGANIZATION.

2. COMMENT: THIS CLARIFICATION OF GIRM FISHERIES POLICY VIS-A-VIS SOUTH KOREA HIGHLIGHTS AGAIN MAURITANIAN
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SENSITIVITIES ON SUBJECT OF RELATIONS WITH ROK. IT ALSO PROVIDES ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE, AS MAURITANIAN PREMREP TO

UN RECENTLY COMMENTED TO US, THAT GIRM CONSIDERS KOREAN
QUESTION TO BE VERY DELICATE.

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